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1. U.S.S.N. 11/303803, entitled *Rapid Microbial Detection and Antimicrobial Susceptibility*Testing, filed December 16, 2005,

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- 2. U.S.S.N. 10/084,632, Enumeration Method and Analyte Detection, filed February 2, 2002
- 3. U.S.S.N. 09/311,663, Enumeration Method and Analyte Detection, filed May 13, 1999, now abandoned

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